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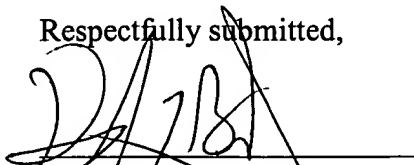
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-142638, published May 29, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 4-349430, published December 3, 1992.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 5-66420, published March 19, 1993.
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-20284.

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated July 23, 2002 in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version of that pertinent portion indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Annotations (See the List of Cited References, etc. for the cited references, etc.)

Claims: 1 – 4, 9

Cited Reference: 1

Comments:

One skilled in the art could easily arrive at the structures of the inventions in Claims 1 to 4 and 9 of the present application from the inventions described in Cited Reference 1 (and in particular paragraphs [0045] to [0050] and Figures 8 and 9).

Claims: 5 – 9

Cited References: 1 – 4

Comments:

Cited References 2 to 4 describe a liquid crystal display device wherein supplemental electrodes that generate an electric field between the pixel electrode and the signal line or the scan line is structured.

Regarding Claim 5, see Cited Reference 2.

Regarding Claims 6 and 7, see Cited Reference 3.

Regarding Claim 8, see Cited Reference 4.

Consequently, an individual in the industry could easily arrive at using the structures of the inventions in Claims 5 through 8 of the present application based on the inventions described in Cited References 1 to 4.

List of Cited References, Etc.

- 1: Unexamined Patent Application Publication H 10-142638
- 2: Unexamined Patent Application Publication H 4-349430
- 3: Unexamined Patent Application Publication H 5-66420
- 4: Utility Model Application H 3-25501 (Unexamined Utility Model Application Publication H 4-120935) microfilm